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ACTION PM-07

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FM AMEMBASSY SAN SALVADOR

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 3620

INFO ZMEMBASSY TEGUCIGALPA PRIORITY 2851

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SUBJ: GOES INTEREST IN PURCHASE OF C-47 AIRCRAFT

REF: USMILGP EL SALVADOR MSG 271728Z AUG 73 (NOTAL)

ACTION REQUESTED: (A) VIEWS OF AMEMB TEGUCIGALPA REGARDING
PROPOSED GOES PURCHASE OF 10-12 C-47 AIRCRAFT. (B) DEPARTMENT'S
APPROVAL OF PROPOSED GOES PURCHASE.

1. PER REFTEL, USMILGP ADVISED CHIEF OF STAFF AIR FORCE
VIA MILITARY CHANNELS OF GOES INTEREST IN PURCHASING TEN TO TWELVE
EXCESS USAF C-47D AIRCRAFT. THE GOES IS REQUESTING A
LETTER OF OFFER FROM THE DEPARTMENT THROUGH ITS MILITARY
ATTACHE IN WASHDC. IN OUR JUDGMENT THIS IS A VALID REQUEST
WARRANTING FAVORABLE CONSIDERATION, BECAUSE THE SALVADORAN
AIR FORCE (FAS) IS DOWN TO ITS LAST FLYABLE C-47D. THE
OTHER THREE IN THEIR INVENTORY ARE GROUNDED INDEFINITELY
(EACH LACKS AN ENGINE). THEY USE THE C-47'S EXTENSIVELY
FOR SHORT HAUL CARGO RUNS AND FOR SUPPORT OF CIVIC
ACTION PROJECTS AND CONVENTIONAL MILITARY TRAINING. NONE
IS ARMED.

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2. IF THIS PURCHASE IS MADE, CONTINGENT UPON DEPARTMENT'S APPROVAL, THE FAS PLANS TO CANNALIZE THE LEAST DESIREABLE OF THE LOT IN EFFORTS TO PUT TOGETHER A FLYABLE NUMBER OF CARGO PLANES.

3. WE WOULD APPRECIATE THE VIEWS OF AMEMB TEGUCIGALPA REGARDING THE PURCHASE REQUEST PROPOSED ABOVE.
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